

Dr. A. R. Menon: I am told by the Principal that there is such a case.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: I shall see that such cases do not occur in future.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon: What is the minimum age for admission into the College? Cannot the Government exempt persons from such age-rule?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: Rules are framed by the University and this Government have to abide by them. In the last Senate meeting the minimum age has been fixed as 14 years and 6 months.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon: Who grants exemption from the minimum age for admission to S. S. L. C. Examination?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: The Head of the particular Department.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon: So, in our State, the Director does it?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu: Is there any method to know where a candidate hails from?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: I think there is a column in the application form to specify the place from which he hails.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu: Did not the Government know that many Travancoreans are admitted in the College on the plea that they are Cochinites?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: We do not accept pleas. We make investigations in cases of doubt, and it is only after the Principal is satisfied that a candidate is admitted.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu: Is there any rule that a Travancorean cannot be admitted?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: There is no such rule. But there is a rule that preference will be given to our own boys.

UNAIDED PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.

60. **Mr. M. K. Devassy:** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) the number of unaided private schools in the State;
- (b) how many of these are (1) High Schools, (2) Lower Secondary Schools and (3) Primary Schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: (a) 50.

(b) (1) High Schools 11.

(2) L. S. Schools 30.

(3) Primary Schools 9.

Sir, I just wish to make a slight correction here. It does not mean that all these institutions are wholly unaided. For instance, in the case of a High School, the Primary and the Lower Secondary Departments will be aided in some cases.

WORKS RECOMMENDED BY THE ROAD BOARD— EXECUTION OF.

61. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to state whether all the works recommended by the Road Board for this year were taken up and whether the full amounts allotted for the year were utilised?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon: The works recommended for this year have all been taken up. The exact information about the utilisation of funds can be ascertained only after the close of the year.

DRINKING WATER—AYLUR VILLAGE—SUPPLY OF.

62. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is aware that the supply of drinking water to Aylur Village in Chittur Taluk from the taps is inadequate and that the people using these taps are put to great hardship thereby in having to wait for an inordinate length of time to have their vessels filled with water;

(b) will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and remedy it as early as possible?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon: (a) The pressure of water at certain taps situated at high levels of the locality is low.

(b) Necessary steps are being taken to improve the water supply to the village.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar: Is there any allowance for free supply of water in the case of a private house-connection?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon: There is no free allowance for house connections in Aylur.